

ANY COURT HAVING JURISDICTION. NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PRECLUDE THE COUNTY FROM PERFORMING ANY WORK WITH ITS OWN EMPLOYEES AND/OR EQUIPMENT.

~~19-14. Plan, public hearings, subdistricts.~~

19-15.

(a) *Surveys; operating systems.* To provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of Cecil County, the County may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such water, sewer, and drainage systems as it deems to be in the public interest. The County may cause surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates to be made for such systems. Unless all owners of land which will be served by any such proposed improvements consent in writing to such improvements being made, the ~~Commission~~ COUNTY shall construct any such system or extension thereof only after a public hearing held by the County Commissioners, after giving notice thereof in two newspapers of general circulation published in Cecil County at least seven days prior to the hearing. At the hearing, plans and specifications for the proposed improvements shall be presented together with the estimated costs thereof and estimated revenues to be derived therefrom. The County may divide the ~~sanitary district~~ SANITARY DISTRICT into water, sewerage, and drainage subdistricts in such way as in its judgment will best serve the needs of the County SANITARY DISTRICT, and promote convenience and economy of installation and operation, and permit the raising of revenues and apportionment of costs to those served on an equitable basis, and it is empowered to keep its books of account accordingly.

(b) *Applicants for service.* If the residents of any unincorporated locality in the ~~sanitary district~~ SANITARY DISTRICT make application for a water supply, sewerage, or drainage system, or part thereof, to be constructed in their locality, the County may require the applicants to bear the reasonable costs for any preliminary engineering studies that the County deems necessary to determine whether it is feasible to construct the improvements. Upon the receipt of such reasonable costs as the County determines to be necessary to conduct the studies, the Director of ~~Public Works~~ SANITARY FACILITIES shall have the studies made and within a reasonable time thereafter advise the COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WHO SHALL THEREAFTER ADVISE THE applicants of the results thereof, together with the County's determination with respect to the application.

(c) *Plans.* Prior to construction, the Director shall submit its plans for projects and their financing to the County Commissioners for their approval.

~~19-15. Extension of system when not self-supporting.~~

Whenever, in the opinion of the county health officer and the director of public works, it is necessary, for the protection of public health, that the water supply and/or sewer systems be extended to serve existing housing unit which previously had been permitted to be constructed without public water supply and/or sewer systems, the county is authorized to construct such extensions of said systems without meeting the requirement that such project